when planted on contour for control of gullies specially in the watershed developed projects being implemented with the Wrold Bank aid in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) There has been encouraging results in some of the pockets. However, since it is in the early eyars of introduction, the observations are continued and it would take some more time to evaluate the data.

(d) Encouraged by the results in the pilot proejcts, planting of khus as soil erosion barriers are being taken up under the National Watershed Development Projects for Rainfed Agriculture being introduced in 99 watershed of 17 States and in the newly proposed pilot projects with the World Bank aid in the States of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat ami Orissa also to popularise as a part of *divm,* affordable and replicable methods of soil conservation system so that farmers themselves could propagate in their lands.

Utilization of funds meant for RLEGP for housing

1742. SHRl YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

• (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh sought the permission of the Union Government to utilise funds under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme for construction of houses for the physically handicapped persons; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Amendment in the constitution to give more powers to Local Self-Governments

1743. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Constitution of India to give more powers to local self-Government bodies;

(b) whether mandatory powers for village panchayats will help the planning process and integrate the district level planning with that of State and Centre and if so, whether Government would initiate measures to achieve this;

(c) what would be the process of devaluation of finances to these Panchayat Raj institutions and the means to.mobilise their own resources; and

(d) whether a separate list of subjects would be drawn up in the Constitution other than Union, State and Concurrent lists, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a)' to (d) The subject of revitablisation of Panchayati Raj Institutions to promote district planning and decentralised implementation of development programmes is under active consideration of the Government.

सिन्दरी स्थिति संयंत्र में अल्प संख्यक समुदायों के लिये कल्याण कार्य

1744. **श्री मौलाना असद सदनी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सिन्दरी स्थित भारतीय उर्वरक निगम द्वारा 1986 के वर्ष के दौरान तथा फरवरी, 1989 तक अल्प संख्यक समुदायों के कल्याण हेतू प्रधान मंत्री के 15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत किये गये कार्य का ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उर्वरक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० प्रभु): फर्टिलाइजर कार्पोरेशन आफ इंडिया (एफ सी आई) ने सूचित किया है कि प्रबन्ध